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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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Applicant responds herein to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2002.

A Petition for Extension of Time (one month) and the fee therefor are enclosed.

Responsive to the restriction, the applicant elects the third embodiment corresponding to Figures 7 - 9. Applicant respectfully contends the claims that read on Figures 7 - 9 are claims 43-55. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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